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Darcy: it looks like we will be meeting with John and Blake next week, likely after Tuesday, 12/2/20, when our schedules will open up.

I will circle back with Blake and John on the timing,

Douglas

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Hi Blake and John,

Actually we wanted to give you a heads-up about the final AE decision sooner rather than later, since it isn't what you expected. We wanted you to hear it from us first. I will go ahead and let you know now:

EPA approved the exemption of Inyan Kara aquifers 1,020 feet from the currently defined ore deposit boundaries for Burdock Wellfields 1 through 5 and 9 as shown by the purple-dashed line in Figure 2. EPA also approved the exemption of Inyan Kara aquifers 520 feet from the currently defined ore deposit boundaries for Burdock Wellfield 10 and Dewey Wellfields 1 through 4 as represented by the green dashed line in Figure 2. EPA did not approve the requested exemption of Inyan Kara aquifers for Burdock Wellfields 6, 7 and 8 because Powertech must provide the Director with an analysis of the amenability of the mining zone to the proposed ISR mining method per § 144.7(c)(1) and Class III Area Permit Part II, Section G.

I reviewed the info in the PEA's but couldn't find a way to justify expanding the area horizontally for Burdock wellfield 10 and the Dewey wellfields based on the info. After much consideration, we realized that the partial saturation in the areas of Burdock Wellfields 6, 7 and 8 didn't support the demonstration for amenability of the mining method. We can talk more about this next week at your convenience.

*Valois*

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Douglas, thank you very much!

How are you and Valois placed for a call early next week? That will give us a little time to look everything over in advance.

Enjoy Thanksgiving!

Best,  
Blake

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Hi John and Blake: our UIC permits were issued today. The permits and related documents have been posted to our website at:

<https://www.epa.gov/uic/epa-dewey-burdock-class-iii-and-class-v-injection-well-final-area-permits>

Valois and I would be happy to schedule a brief call with you tomorrow to provide you some highlights, etc.

Thanks for your patience and support,

Douglas